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1. In mid-January 1951, VP Oberrat Neithardt, (fnu), chief of the VP Kreisamt (VPKA) in Nauen, was temporarily detached to attend a course at the Moscow Academy. Neithardt is an ex-naval officer and former submarine commander who later joined the National Komitee Freies Deutschland (National Committee Free Germany) (NKFD). VP Inspekteur Behnke, (fnu), left for Moscow with Neithardt. (1)
2. At the end of December 1950, VP Inspekteur Kollitsch, (fnu), in Priemer Wald, was reassigned to Halle to activate a new VP Bereitschaft there. About the same time, VP Inspekteur Pilz, (fnu), of the VP school in Rostock was appointed commandant of the VP school in Prora. (2)
3. A PK officer academy was established in the Heilige Haken residential quarter of Bad Freienwalde at the beginning of January 1951. The academy, whose commandant was VP Oberrat Kluth, (fnu), was directly subordinate to the HVA and trained 50 to 60 PK officers who were enrolled only if they had undergone Antifa training while in Soviet PW captivity. A course of instruction at the academy lasted from 3 months to one year. (3)
4. On 1 January 1951, the headquarters of the Ring-um-Berlin Grenzpolizei Bereitschaft in Teltow moved into the Seehof Hotel in Teltow. VP Kommissar Fischer, commanding officer of the Bereitschaft, and VP Rat Zichon, (fnu), PK officer, were reassigned to their home offices in Land Thuringia on 2 January. They were succeeded in their respective positions by VP Oberrat Voigt, (fnu), and VP Oberrat Schmidt, (fnu). (4)
5. At the end of January 1951, it was learned that a VP training camp was located in Fuerstenwalde-Ketschendorf. Upon completion of the course, the approximately 100 trainees were to be employed with the Ring-um-Berlin Grenzpolizei. VP Rat Schulze, (fnu), was camp commandant, and VP Oberkommissar Koekeritz, (fnu), was personnel officer. (5)

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Comments.

- (1) See [REDACTED] 25X1A
- (2) A new-type VP Bereitschaft has been activated in the Kluever Kaserne, Halle. See [REDACTED]
- (3) A VP officer school was identified in the health resort installations on Am Gesundbrunnen, Freienwalde, in May 1950.
- (4) The 1st VP Grenzbereitschaft of the Ring-um-Berlin is known to be located in Teltow.
- (5) As early as November 1950, a VP training unit was reported to be stationed in a camp there. Its assignment to the Grenzpolizei appears credible.

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